LIST 1 (B) *List of Officers who were recommended by the earlier DPCs as unfit for placement and became eligible for consideration by the DPC held on 27.1.95*

S. No.	Name of the Officer	Speciality	Date of eligibility
1.	Dr. (Smt.) Shobha Rani Gupta	Anatomy	27.1.95
2.	Dr. Amrendra Sahai	Frensic Medicine	-do-
3.	Dr. N.B. Mathur	Paed.	-do-
4.	Dr. Bibet Talukdar	-do-	-do-
5.	Dr. (Smt.) Shailaja Nair	Obst. & Gynae	-do-
6.	Dr. N.K. Gupta	P&S.M.	-do-
7.	Dr. S.B. Rotti	Public Health	-do-
8.	Dr. Girish Kumar Pandey	-do-	-do-
9.	Dr. (Smt.) Shurvra Dutta	-do-	-do-
10.	Dr. (Smt.) Ambika Anand	Surgery	-do-
11.	Dr. R.V. Koranne	Skin & VD	-do-

Rise in Diabetic cases

6406. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press news-item under the caption "Concern over rise in diabetic cases" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 16th April, 1995;

(b) if so, whether medical experts in various fields have warned developing countries about steep rise in cases of diabets, blindness and kidney ailments by 2000 A.D.;

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan to check the rise in number of persons suffering from varius diseases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to a WHO Study Group Report developing and newly industralialised countries are currently facing the problem of increase in the burden of diseases of affluence and lifestyle such as diabetes.

(c) and (d) Under National Programme for control of Blindness, the prevalance of blindness is sought to be reduced from 1.49% to 0.3% by the year 2000 A.D. A Pilot Project on Diabetes Control Programme is included in the current year's plan. Kidney ailment can be controlled by promoting healthy life-style.

Cases of Liver Diseases

6407. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press news-item under the caption "Liver diseases on the rise" as reported in 'Pioneer' dated the 9th April, 1995;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated schemes to check the causes of rise in liver diseases;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what other factors are responsible for increase in liver diseases; and

(e) the concrete measures taken to check such disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) National Institute of Communicable Diseases and its 12 Regional Centres coordinate viral hapatitis surveillance by procuring and distributing diagnostic kits to the Regional Centres.

(d) Contaminated food and water and poor personal hygiene are responsible for spread of viral hepatitis A & E. Contaminated injection needles, blood, blood products and unsafe sex are responsible for spread of viral hepatitis B, C & D. Alcohol, diabetis mallitus and malnouraishment are responsible for many other liver diseases.

(e) Govt. has placed emphasis on strengthening of public health system, improving sanitation, supply of potable water and provision of health education.

Polio cases in India

6408. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press news-item under the caption "Polio cases highest in Indian sub-continent" as reported in "The Pioneer" dated the 7th April, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the incidence of cases of polio is the highest in India and also continues to rise;

(c) whether the schemes formulated by Government from time to time check the spread of polio patients have totally collapsed; and

(d) if so, whether Government, with the help of foreign agencies, propose to take any concrete steps and if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Govt. has seen the news item.

(b) to (d) The number of reported cases of poliomyelitis have declined from 32184 in 1981 to 6174 in 1994. The Universal Immunization Programme was started in 1985-86 for increasing the immunization coverage levels. In addition to sustaining high levels of coverage, supplementary activities have been started for the eradication of poliomyelitis. Donor agencies are supporting the immunization programme.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the State Governments may provide necessary infrastructure support like provision of industrial sites, shops, water on a preferential basis to these entrepreneurs. Sir, many State Governments are providing various tax

Demand to ban somking by Minors

6409. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether there is a persistent demand to put a ban on smoking by minors in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to bring forward a legislation to ban smoking by minors;

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what other steps Government propose to take to discourage the minors from smoking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) There is a proposal to bring a comprehensive legislation to discourage use of tobacco and tobacco products, including smoking.